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the moment. Look at the front page of the World Herald this morning. One of them is Ayr, Nebraska and the other is Bladen and this means that unless we can have lead time to take a second look at this proposed reorganization there are going to be a lot of post offices over this state that are going to be in jeopardy. I attended a meeting of the Ayr and Bladen people together with Congresswoman Smith this last weekend and this, in effect, is what we need is support from this Legislature to Congress saying, in effect, to the Post Office Department, which at the moment is a semi-public organization, take some time before you come out with directives simply saying, close these particular facilities and I think that what we are really asking is support to Congress to ask for this time so that we can take a second look at the meaning of the reorganization act of 1971. We spent a lot of money building up these areas, and then if we are going to turn around and reverse the procedure and begin to close facilities without a proper look at them, what we are doing is jeopardizing the whole future of rural Nebraska so I urgently ask you to vote in favor of this Resolution so that we can show that we are in favor of Congress, at least, taking a look at this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have heard squawking here and other places about the rise in the postal rates. We complained when it went to 13¢. This morning on the early morning news I heard that it might rise to 20¢ or 25¢. I don't know whether Ayr and Bladen, Nebraska...

PRESIDENT: It is extremely noisy in this Chamber. Could we give Senator Nichol a little more attention? Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: I am not in the position to be qualified to know whether Ayr or Bladen, Nebraska should or should not continue with their post office. Some post offices in my areas and in most of your areas may or may not be considered to be closed, but I don't know that we are in a position, quickly like this on the spur of the moment, to be advising the federal Congress that certain offices should be closed or not. I just think the motion is out of order to be quickly passed at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the Resolution. I think it is extremely important to practically every Senator in here who represents rural Nebraska, as least in part, that we express our concern immediately to Congress on this matter. Those of you who have some familiarity with the reorganization act of the post office realize what a fiasco it has been and really what an accident it has been. Senator Cavanaugh could enlighten you with some of the recent comments he picked up in Washington concerning really how this tremendous reorganization took place, what an informal, what a thoughtless process led to the current post office service. I would suggest to you that rural Nebraska is already poorly served